SAMPLE LEGAL NOTICE TO NEIGHBOUR FOR NOISE POLLUTION / NUISANCE

India | Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 | Maharashtra-specific provisions where applicable

From: [Name, address, email/mobile]
To: [Name of neighbour / owner / occupier], [full address]
Date: [DD/MM/YYYY]

Subject: Demand to stop recurring noise nuisance and comply with applicable noise limits

Sir / Madam,

1. I reside at [address], adjoining / near your premises at [address]. Since [date], noise arising from [loud music / speakers / machinery / generator / late-night gatherings / other activity] has repeatedly affected the ordinary use and enjoyment of my residence.

2. The incidents include, without limitation, the dates and times listed below. The noise has continued despite [verbal requests / society complaints / prior written communication] on [dates]. The particulars are stated accurately to the best of my knowledge.

Date	Approx. time / duration	Source / activity	Effect / evidence
[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]
[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]
[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]

3. The Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 prescribe ambient noise standards by area/zone. For a residential area, the schedule specifies 55 dB(A) Leq during 6:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. and 45 dB(A) Leq during 10:00 p.m.–6:00 a.m. Rule 5 requires written permission for loudspeaker / public-address use and restricts night-time use, subject to the limited rule-based exceptions. Rules 7 and 8 provide for complaints and directions to prevent or regulate noise. In Maharashtra, Section 38 of the Maharashtra Police Act, 1951 also empowers the competent police authority to regulate or prohibit continuing music, sound or noise in appropriate circumstances.

4. The Supreme Court has recognised the right to live in peace and protection from noise materially interfering with ordinary comfort (In Re: Noise Pollution, (2005) 5 SCC 733; Church of God (Full Gospel) in India v. K.K.R. Majestic Colony Welfare Association, (2000) 7 SCC 282). The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 addresses public nuisance in Sections 270, 292 and 293; the public-nuisance removal procedure may also be available under Section 152 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 where its conditions are met.

5. I therefore call upon you to: (a) immediately stop the recurring unreasonable noise; (b) ensure that any sound-producing activity complies with the applicable zone limits, permitted hours and permissions; (c) prevent recurrence by using reasonable sound-control measures; and (d) provide a written response within [7] days of receipt confirming the steps taken. This demand does not seek to prevent lawful activity, but requires it to be conducted without unlawful nuisance.

6. If the nuisance continues, I reserve the right to submit complaints to the designated authority / police and, where appropriate, seek preventive orders or civil injunctive relief under the applicable law, including the Specific Relief Act, 1963 and Code of Civil Procedure, 1908. This notice is without prejudice to all rights and remedies. No admission or waiver is intended.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
[Name]

Enclosures (as available): incident log; copies of earlier complaints / messages; audio-video recordings with dates; official decibel readings / inspection reports; society correspondence; medical records if relevant; witness details.

Important: This is a general sample, not a prescribed statutory form. Adapt the facts, recipient, jurisdiction and applicable local orders. Smartphone readings are indicative only; request measurement by the competent authority. A private legal notice is not a substitute for an urgent police / authority complaint where immediate intervention is needed.